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PURSUANT TO 37 CFR § 1.116

Sir:

In response to the final Office Action, Paper No. 9, dated February 20, 2003, please amend the above-captioned patent application, without prejudice, as follows:

**In the Claims:**

Please amend Claims 21-26 as follows:

21. (Amended) A frame structure for a leak detector, said frame structure comprising:

an upper frame and a lower frame onto each of which a film is stretched thereupon, each of the upper frame and the lower frame further comprising an outer subframe and an inner subframe each made from a synthetic material between which said films are fastened wherein each outer subframe of said upper and lower frames, respectively, includes a recess having disposed therein a corresponding inner subframe thereby defining a test chamber between said upper and lower frames for an incoming test gas sample entering said defined test chamber and in which said films are at least one of adhered and screw-fastened with the frame portions onto which they are respectively stretched and in which each recess is disposed in a region of a corresponding outer subframe facing away from the test chamber and wherein one of said inner subframes is equipped with a lip seal, said lower frame being positioned onto a margin of a plate-form bottom, said upper frame including a support provided with a steel profile, said steel profile

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